

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 14, 2014**

**SIGB MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leo Dutton, L&C Co. Sheriff, SIGB Chair; Tim Burton, Governor's Office; Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP; Jon Swartz, MDT; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Joe Briggs, MACO; Mike Doto, MT State Volunteer Firefighters; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Rhonda Fenner, Indian Affairs

**STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Warren Dupuis, DOA/SITSD, SPOC; Quinn Ness, DOA/SITSD, SWIC; Dan Sullivan, SITSD/PSCB; Chad Hultin, SITSD/PSCB; Rhonda Sullivan, SITSD/PSCB; Ed Shindoll, BCRED; Bob Drake, MT State Vol. Firefighters; Mark Bare, Motorola Solutions, Mike Feldman, DOJ/MHP; Mark Taylor, Assoc. of MT Troopers; Kevin Box, MEMSA; Charles Gilmore, LCSO; Dale Osborne, DOJ/MHP;

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Conference call was inadvertently cancelled. No phone participation.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Leo Dutton, Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joe Briggs moved to accept the September minutes, and Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion carried.

**STATUS REPORT: NPSBN FIRSTNET INITIAL CONSULTATION MEETING:**

Dan Sullivan provided the following updates:

- FirstNet Initial Consultation Meeting and SIGB "User Case" Presentations scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena.
- FirstNet requested that first responders provide information regarding real event use of mobile data services to present at the initial consultation meeting.
- FirstNet also issued a Request for Information for Comprehensive Network Solutions (RFI) and draft statement of objectives that are intended to assist FirstNet in developing a comprehensive network deployment strategy. The deadline is October 27, 2014.
- Based on RFI responses, FirstNet will then issue a Request for Proposal(s) (RFP) to build out the core and radio access network(s) (RAN).

**Outreach Report:** To date, Warren Dupuis has held outreach meetings with MSFCA, MSPOA and MEMSA.

**STATUS REPORT: LMR INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES:** Quinn Ness reported on the following:

- SIGB Working Group Status/Recent Activities:
  - Trunked LMR Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Working Group:
    - Held initial meeting on September 29, 2014 (group will meet biweekly).
    - System elements and requirements have been vetted.
    - Currently developing life cycle cost and technical services cost models.
    - Identified data for cost models.
    - Joe Briggs stated that the working group is getting a good understanding of what the system is as far as costs, and what should or should not be part of the trunked system; and what should remain a county O&M responsibility.
    - Training & Exercises Working Group: Held its initial meeting on October 9, 2019
    - Jeff Fisher provided the following Training & Exercise working group report:
      - Marty Angeli, Exercise Coordinator, DMA/DES, has resigned from his position.

- Jayne Rogers will be replaced by Kevin Box.
  - Montana Monsoon exercise has been completed.
  - Cause III Exercise to be scheduled (no DES participation).
  - FEMA All Hazards Communications Unit Leader Training tentatively scheduled for April 9-12<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls. Anyone wishing to participate should coordinate with DES.
  - The OEC Technical Assistance catalog will be reviewed and prioritized.
  - Mike Stapp's DES staff would like to come to future SIGB meeting to discuss DES communication capabilities. This system is available for use by counties or local government.
- Trunked LMR Backbone Working Group: Initial meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2014.

**9-1-1 Advisory Council:** Quinn Ness reported that after further consideration of recent legislative interim committee actions (and vetting of current 9-1-1 program issues), that given the scope of these issues and required work, the Department of Administration will move forward in reestablishing the council as a separate body. This should take place in the near future.

Required tasks to re-establish the 9-1-1 Advisory Council include: 1) Executing the Executive order; 2) establishing council and requesting new nominees from stakeholder associations; and 3) appointment of council members by the director. Nominations for members will be requested in near future. The department thanked the SIGB for their interest and support.

**System Usage Data/Information Q&A:** Dale Osborne and Charlie Gilmore were asked to compile usage statistics for the statewide microwave backbone that includes: a list of who's using the network and what it's being used for. These reports, System Call Statistics and MT Public Safety Microwave Network Circuit Mapping, can be viewed on the SIGB webpage, [http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014\\_october\\_meeting.mcpix](http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014_october_meeting.mcpix).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Bob Drake, Tri Lakes Fire Chief, reported they have been using the trunked LMR for about 10 years now, and they have no plans in going back to conventional LMR. They have a 3-teired system and it's amazing, as they have better communication than they have ever had. They are true believers and will continue to provide this information going forward.
- Tom Butler addressed the 9-1-1 stranded funds issue with AT&T and Verizon. He's unsure about what's next, and is open to suggestions on what direction to pursue.
- Joe Briggs explained the funds were set aside for Enhanced 9-1-1 and PSAPs, and that the radio element is not a part of PSAP operations.
- Bonnie Lorang stated that the direction held by the Energy and Telecomm Interim Committee is that if there is a need for appropriations, it should be included in the long-range IT bill (HB10) as it has been done in past.
- Tim Burton stated that one main challenge remains is -- and always will be-- a "system of systems" owned primarily by local governments; and prior to upcoming 2015 legislature, a method needs to be devised through this "system of systems" in order to move forward and fill in gaps with remaining construction; as well as a joint method to pay ongoing O&M. The approach needs to be further refined prior to the 2015 legislative session and moving forward in capital construction and O&M challenges needs to be in the forefront.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:50.